MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 21, 2018 5:00PM
Morongo Basin Transit Center
62405 Verbena Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Abel called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ellen Jackman led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:
Ellen Jackman, Robert Leone, Daniel L. Mintz, Ben Sasnett, McArthur Wright and Merl Abel.
Mark Lundquist was absent.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

NONE

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) (1 Case)
Name of Case: *Pamela Rutherford v. Morongo Basin Transit Authority*
Case Number: CIVDS1809638

No items reported.

3.2 Title VI Equity Analysis
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:
Property Location: [APN: 0617-105-01, 0617-105-02, 0617-105-03, 0617-105-04 and APN: 0617-111-08, 0617-111-09, 0617-111-10, 0617-111-11]
MBTA Negotiator: General Manager, Mark Goodale
Property Negotiator: Parties to Be Determined
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

No items reported.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Minutes of the May 24, 2018 Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer's Report for April 2018

5.3 Warrant Register through May 31, 2018

5.4 Ridership Reports

5.5 Financial Reports

5.6 Administration Report

5.7 Operations Report

5.8 Resolution 18-03 to Authorize General Manager to apply for Fiscal Years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 Grant Funding for Capital and Operating Assistance

ACTIONS: Board Member Leone moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 through 5.8); seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Transportation Reimbursement Escort Program (TREP) Update

Cheri Holsclaw, TREP Administrator, provided an update to the program which allows MBTA to fill transportation gaps in the Basin by helping seniors and people with disabilities get to town for lifeline services. She explained the approval process, the year-to-date applications that have been approved and denied, as well as the year-to-date expenses.

8.2 Alternate Taxi Drug Testing Collection Site

Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, presented information regarding two alternative locations for drug testing collection sites, along with their hours and pricing. Mark assured Board Member Mintz they could approve both locations if they so choose.

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp as alternate drug testing collection sites for Taxi; seconded by Board Member Leone: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

8.3 FY19 Operating Assistance Grant

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Board Member Wright moved to approve FY19 Operating Assistance Grant in the amount of $398,562; seconded by Board Member Sasnett: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

8.4 Approval of FY 2018-19 MBTA Operating and Capital Budgets

Mark Goodale presented the budgets and reported there were no changes to the operating budget from the draft presented on May 24. Staff received comments from the Technical Advisory/Budget committee but no issues were forthcoming.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve MBTA Operating, Capital and Taxicab Budgets and authorized MBTA to submit the Transit Claim; seconded by Board Member Leone: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Mark Goodale shared that staff would be presenting Josephine with a Centennial Pass, per Board Member Wright's request. He also reported that he reached out to Lib Koenig and staff was able to reduce the amount for the Senior Club Lunch transportation by $100/month as of July with future evaluation of the ridership. As for Lib's request for Saturday, it would follow under Charter service which prohibits MBTA in accommodating that request.

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Sasnett appreciated Cheri's presentation on TREP and the work staff did on the budget.

Board Member Jackman thanked Mark and staff for creating the centennial pass and also for considering and granting Ms. Koenig's request. She believed it was personal touches like that that made a difference to the community and creates loyal riders.

Board Member Wright thanked Matt for the centennial pass. Joanne, Josephine's daughter, told him Matt had been outstanding.

Board Member Leone felt bus drivers were the most important and they were doing a remarkable job in dealing with the public. He was grateful of the nice quality in our drivers.

Board Member Mintz echoed Board Member Jackman's comments with staff being responsive to the feedback and information received. He noted it was helpful to them that staff was timely with their responses. He liked that he didn't receive complaints from the public on MBTA.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:53pm Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the MBTA Operations Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary

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